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RELEASE OF THE SPANISH GUNBOATS.

The gunboats recently built at New York and Mystic for the Spanish Government were released on Saturday last, on motion of the United States District Attorney. This action is said to be based on a withdrawal of the pretext urged by the Peruvian Minister. They were originally seized at his instance, because he alleged that they would probably be used in the prosecution of Spanish hostilities against Peru; but he now professes to be perfectly satisfied that they are not intended for this purpose, and this acknowledged removal of the cause of the seizure is speedily followed by their release, so that they will soon be on their way to Cuba to render efficient service in extinguishing the rebellion. For a time the hope was entertained by the American advocates of the Cuban cause that a new excuse would be found in our neutrality laws for a continued detention of these effective adjuncts of Spanish power, but no such effort was made. This neglect, coupled with the refusal of the President to recommend, in his message, the recognition of Cuba, and with the determination of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to pursue a similar policy of non-interference and strict neutrality, render the success of the insurrection more doubtful than ever; and while Spain will be incited to renewed exertions by the action of this country, the rebels will be confronted with increased and apparently insurmountable difficulties. The ultra champions of free Cuba fiercely denounce the indifference manifested by our Government, and they are disposed to hold it responsible for the failure of the patriots to overthrow Spanish power. But these denunciations will have little weight with those who consider how little the Cubans have accomplished, by their inherent strength, during their protracted struggle. They have never gained undisputed possession of a single recognized seaport, and their leaders seem to have anticipated that their final triumph would be won by American aid rather than through brave and persistent exertions of the Creoles. Of the latter, thousands who pretend to be zealous champions of Cuban independence have voluntarily expatriated themselves, and when they return to the ever faithful side it is rather to make to Spanish officials false protestations of loyalty to prevent the confiscation of their estates, than to do good service in the patriot armies. It is not singular that a struggle maintained in this style should be attended with too little positive success to justify the recognition of truly neutral nations. Whatever may be our sympathies, we cannot safely depart from our traditional policy to play the part of knight errant; for in exhausting our energies to secure the liberties of foreign countries, we would scarcely fail to lose our own. And in considering the propriety of recognition, we must be governed not by our feelings, but by the facts, whether they accord or clash with our wishes. In this instance, even our sympathies are to some extent divided by the vigorous efforts to liberalize the Spanish Home Government, and the growing disposition to establish in Cuba, as well as other portions of the Spanish dominions, many of the reforms that would have only been attainable in past times by a revolution. While this fact has exerted no little influence in checking the vigor of the insurrectionary movement, it will do much to assuage the mortification of its defeat, and to prepare Cuba for the truly republican government which, sooner or later, she will establish.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS has forbidden delegations from the tribes to visit Washington for the purpose of laying their grievances before the Government, for the ostensible reason that the money thus expended can be used to better advantage in purchasing provisions and other necessities of life; while, it is argued, the agent of each particular tribe can attend to the business of the tribe better than its own direct representatives. If the agents were all thoroughly honest men, whose sole object was the promotion of the welfare of the Indians, this argument would hold water; but everybody who has read anything about the management of our Indian affairs knows how far short of this standard fall the greater number of the agents under the old system. The appointment of the Quaker agents gave promise of a change for the better, but the plan has not yet been upon its trial sufficiently long to enable the country to see how successful it is destined to prove. In the meantime, it is not at all improbable that some of the tribes may have good cause to complain of their agents, and it is not at all likely that these officials will consent, under such circumstances, to bear their complaints to the capital. Moreover, these occasional visits of delegations of influential chiefs to the East tend to impress them with the strength and resources of the country, and teach them how foolish it is for their braves to resort to the war path, in the hope of making any headway against the whites.

FOX'S POLICE. Mayor Fox has taken the trouble to prepare a statement of the arrests made during the first ten months of the present year, with the causes assigned for each, which we publish to-day in our local columns, together with the arrests for the corresponding months of 1868. It will be seen that the total for the ten months of 1869 is 32,083, while for the ten months of 1868 it reaches but 30,380. This is doubtless regarded by Mayor Fox as a remarkable proof of an increased efficiency on the part of the police, but when we carry the comparison still further back, the showing does not become quite so flattering, as witness the following figures:—

Table with 2 columns: Year, Arrests. Rows include 1869 (32,083), 1868 (30,380), 1867 (28,187), 1866 (36,317). Includes text: 'Thus, while Mayor Fox's police have made, during the first ten months of their power, 1703 more arrests than were made during the corresponding period of the previous year, their work still falls 4483 below the corresponding months of 1867, and 4234 below 1866. It is a noticeable fact, moreover, that the arrests during 1869 on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, or drunkenness alone, exceed by 1957 the arrests during 1868 for the same trivial charges, thus showing that the arrests made by the present police force on serious charges fall 254 below the number for the previous year; and when the excess of 583 in the number of arrests for corner-lounging is added, the showing for Mayor Fox's police is by so much the worse. In the fearfully prevalent crime of larceny the arrests during 1869 fall considerably below those of 1868, which is not by any means a good sign, unless we presume that the efficiency of the present police has become so well known among the thieving portion of the community as to deter them in

some measure from gratifying their plundering propensities. Altogether, we scarcely regard Mayor Fox's statistical exhibit as calculated to remove the wide-spread opinion on the part of law-abiding citizen, that our present police force is the most inefficient that we have had since the consolidation of the city.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT. GENERAL H. H. WELLS, the defeated radical candidate for Governor of Virginia, appears disposed to accept the situation as he finds it. Instead of joining hands with the disappointed office-seekers, who regard their defeat as a sufficient excuse for the continuance of military government, and endeavoring to account for the success of his opponent by allegations of intimidation and fraud, General Wells writes a manly letter, in which he not only expresses the hope that Virginia will at once be restored to her rightful position in the Union, but also urges the prime necessity and justice of a universal amnesty, in order, as he says, to "deprive every man of the least vestige of excuse for inflicting injustice upon others in retaliation for wrongs or political disabilities suffered by himself." This is the right spirit, and the sooner it becomes universal among the so-called radicals of the Southern States, the better for the South and the country at large. Proscription has answered its original purpose—that of enforcing the Congressional policy of reconstruction; and it is neither wise nor safe to endeavor to pervert it to another purpose—that of keeping a certain class of men in office throughout all the lately rebellious States. Congress should hold the Southern leaders to a strict accountability, and where, as has been the case in Georgia, they appear disposed to violate their pledges, and attempt to turn the tide of reconstruction backward, they should, by some sharp and decisive measure, be made to realize the fact that the nation is not to be trifled with. But where, as in Virginia, entire good faith and hearty co-operation in the reconstruction movement are manifested, there is but little doubt that "a universal act of notable amnesty," as General Wells calls it, would be productive of the very best results.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see the Inside Page. FIRST ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF FINEST READY-MADE CLOTHING, IMPORTED FABRICS (For Custom Work) and FASHIONABLE GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, CHESTNUT STREET CLOTHING AT MARKET STREET PRICES! THE ENTIRE PRESENT STOCK OF Nos. 518 AND 520 CHESTNUT STREET

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METHODIST MISSIONARY MASS Meeting on TUESDAY, 14th inst., consisting of Missionary Love Feast in GREEN STREET CHURCH, GREEN and TENTH Streets, at 8 1/2 P. M., when Bishop SIMPSON will preside, and Rev. Mr. WILSON, of the CHURCH, FORTH Street, below Arch, at 7 o'clock, when Bishop JOYNT will preside, and address be delivered by Rev. Mr. JAMES, Jr., of 28th St., and Dr. T. M. EDDY, 12 1/2

SPECIAL NOTICES.

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 11, 1869. The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock M. 12 1/2

THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1869. The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. 12 1/2

DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER AND SUPERINTENDENT, TRENTON, Dec. 11, 1869. The water will not be drawn from the level of the Delaware and Raritan Canal until the 25th instant. J. C. STEVENS, Engineer and Superintendent. 12 1/2

A PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING will be held at the HALL of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, No. 120 CHESTNUT Street, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock, Address by THOMAS M. COLEMAN, Esq. Essay by Dr. J. E. ROBERTS. Question for discussion—"How can we best carry on the Temperance work in our several churches?" The public are invited. 12 1/2

FAIR.—A FAIR WILL BE HELD THE 14th, 15th, and 16th inst., at the PENNA. INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR BLIND WOMEN, No. 321 LOCUST Street, West Philadelphia, the proceeds to be applied to the payment for the "Hedge." 12 1/2

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